

Holiness, A Gift of God's Grace

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: Hebrews 10:5-18.

B. We have responsibilities for the gift of holiness, but God also provides for holiness.

C. Holiness is conformity to the moral character of God.

II. Objective holiness found in Christ alone. (Hebrews 10:10, 14)

A. We have been made holy once for all by the death of Jesus.

B. This aspect of holiness is the work of Jesus for us, while the second and third aspects are the work of the Holy Spirit in us.

C. We have confidence to enter into the holy place because we have been made holy by the blood of Jesus. We stand before God holy and blameless. (1 Corinthians 1:3; Zechariah 3; Ephesians 1:4; Colossians 1:22)

D. What Jesus is before God, he is for his people. (Ephesians 1:7)

E. We cannot successfully pursue holiness unless we are convinced we are blameless before God.

III. Holiness God has implanted in our hearts at the new birth.

A. God plants within us an affinity for the moral will of God. It is no longer burdensome.

B. This affinity is an act of God's grace.

C. Since we have the law of God in our hearts, we want to be more like Jesus.

IV. Progressive holiness that happens day by day. (Philippians 1:6)

A. The work the Spirit began in you will be completed. (Philippians 2:12-13)

B. We need both the Holy Spirit and our own response to grow in holiness.

C. Every kind of holiness we have is a gift of God's grace.

Application questions:

1. What is God's objective holiness? Why must this precede the other forms?

2. Explain implanted holiness.

3. What part can you play in the progressive holiness God gives? Explain.
